

1 **Amendment to the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 Please amend Claims 1, 3, 9, 12, 15, 17, 23, 28, 30, and 33 as follows:

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5 1. (Currently Amended) A method for automatically delivering electronic content related to
6 text appearing in a display, comprising the steps of:

7 (a) detecting a cursor location within a target window in which the text is
8 displayed;

9 (b) defining an update region as a function of the cursor location;

10 (c) invalidating the update region such that ~~causing~~ a target process associated
11 with the target window is caused to re-render the text to the target window in ~~an~~ the update region
12 that includes the cursor location;

13 (d) determining a primary word that occurs at the cursor location from the
14 re-rendered text;

15 (e) searching a first electronic data store for content related to the primary word; and

16 (f) displaying a result of the search in a semitransparent window that is
17 persistently visible and that enables content displayed underlying the result to be visible.
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20 2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of detecting the cursor
21 location comprises one of the steps of:

22 (a) receiving only a single cursor move message from a pointing device that
23 controls the cursor location within a predetermined hover time, indicating that the cursor has
24 remained stationary for at least the predetermined hover time, said cursor move message including a
25 coordinate identifying the cursor location; and

26 (b) receiving a pointer device click message indicating that a predetermined
27 pointer button was activated while a predetermined key of the user input device is depressed, wherein
28 the pointer click message includes a coordinate identifying the cursor location on the display.

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1 3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of invalidating ~~causing the~~
2 ~~target process associated with the target window to re-render text to the target window in the update~~
3 ~~region that includes the cursor location~~, comprises the steps of:

- 4 (a) inserting machine instructions into a memory space of the target process; and
5 (b) executing the machine instructions, causing:
6 (i) hooking a text-out module;
7 (ii) ~~invalidating the update region, wherein the update region is defined as~~
8 ~~a function of the cursor location;~~
9 ~~(iii)~~ executing the text-out module to re-render the text to the update region;
10 and
11 ~~(iv)~~ (iii) copying the text from the text-out module while the text-out module is
12 re-rendering the text to the update region.

13 4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of determining the primary word that
14 occurs at the cursor location, from the re-rendered text, comprises the steps of:

- 15 (a) determining a character that is closest to the cursor location, from the
16 re-rendered text;
17 (b) detecting a first termination point that occurs before the character, wherein the
18 first termination point indicates the beginning of the primary word;
19 (c) detecting a second termination point that occurs after the character, wherein
20 the second termination point indicates the end of the primary word; and
21 (d) identifying the primary word as a set of characters between the first
22 termination point and the second termination point.

23 5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of searching the first electronic data
24 store for content related to the primary word, comprises one of the steps of:

- 25 (a) searching a local electronic data store for content related to the primary word;
26 and
27 (b) searching a remote electronic data store for content related to the primary
28 word.

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1 6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of displaying the result of the search
2 in the semitransparent window, comprises the steps of:

3 (a) automatically providing the semitransparent window at a defined location in
4 the display, said semitransparent window being sized to overlay only a portion of the display;

5 (b) displaying at least a portion of the result of the search in the semitransparent
6 window; and

7 (c) enabling a user to obtain additional content related to the primary word by
8 selecting an option in the semitransparent window.

9 7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of determining a context
10 word associated with the primary word.

11 8. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the step of determining the context word
12 comprises one of the steps of:

13 (a) determining the context word from the re-rendered text; and

14 (b) determining the context word from a characteristic of text being processed by
15 the target process.

16 9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein the step of searching the first
17 electronic data store for content related to the primary word, comprises the steps of:

18 (a) searching the first electronic data store based on a combination of the primary
19 word and the context word; and ~~if no content was found based on the combination of the primary~~
20 ~~word and the context word,~~

21 (b) if no content was found based on the combination of the primary word and the
22 context word, searching the first electronic data store based on the primary word.

23 10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying an alternate
24 word that is spelled similar to the primary word in the result if no content was found based on the
25 primary word.

26 11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

27 (a) searching an additional electronic data store for additional content related to
28 the primary word; and

29 (b) enabling a user to selectively view the additional content in the result.

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1 12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 (a) enabling a user to selectively indicate that an additional electronic data store is
3 to be searched prior to the first electronic data store, thereby indicating a priority of information
4 desired by the user;
5 (b) searching the additional electronic data store for additional content related to
6 the primary word prior to searching the first electronic data store; and ~~if additional content is found;~~
7 ~~and~~
8 (c) if additional content is found, displaying at least a portion of the additional
9 content of the search of the additional electronic data store in the semitransparent window prior to
10 displaying the result of the search of the first electronic data store.
11 13. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of maintaining a focus on
12 an active window so that the user need not return the focus from the semitransparent window, to the
13 active window after a result is displayed.
14 14. (Original) A machine-readable medium having machine instructions for performing the
15 steps of Claim 1.
16 15. (Currently Amended) A system for automatically delivering electronic content related to
17 text appearing in a display, comprising:
18 (a) a processor;
19 (b) a display in communication with the processor, said display displaying a cursor
20 location and a target window that includes text;
21 (c) a pointing device adapted to be controlled by a user and coupled in
22 communication with the processor, said pointing device producing a signal indicating the cursor
23 location on the display;
24 (d) a user input device having at least one key, said user input device being
25 coupled in communication with the processor; and
26 (e) a memory in communication with the processor and storing machine
27 instructions that cause the processor to:
28 (i) detect the cursor location indicated by the signal produced by the
29 pointing device on the display device;

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1 (ii) invalidate an update region, wherein the update region is defined within
2 the target window as a function of the cursor location, such that

3 ~~cause~~ a target process associated with the target window is caused to
4 re-render the text to the target window in ~~an~~ the update region of the display that includes the cursor
5 location disposed proximate to the text being re-rendered;

6 (iii) determine from the re-rendered text a primary word that is disposed
7 proximate to the cursor location;

8 (iv) search a first electronic data store for content related to the primary
9 word; and

10 (v) display a result of the search in a semitransparent window that is
11 persistently visible and that enables content of the result to remain visible in the display.

12 16. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the machine instructions further cause the
13 processor to do one of:

14 (a) receive only a single cursor move message from the pointing device within a
15 predetermined hover time, indicating that the cursor has remained stationary for at least the
16 predetermined hover time, said cursor move message including a coordinate identifying the cursor
17 location; and

18 (b) receive a pointer device click message indicating that a predetermined pointer
19 button was activated while a predetermined key of the user input device is depressed, wherein the
20 pointer click message includes a coordinate identifying the cursor location on the display.

21 17. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 15, wherein the machine instructions further
22 cause the processor to:

23 (a) hook a text-out module included in an operating system executed by the
24 processor;

25 (b) ~~invalidate the update region, wherein the update region is defined as a function~~
26 ~~of the cursor location;~~

27 ~~(c)~~ execute the text-out module to re-render the text to the update region; and

28 ~~(d)~~ copy the text from the text-out module while the text-out module is
29 re-rendering the text to the update region.

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1 18. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the machine instructions further cause the
2 processor to:

3 (a) determine a character that is closest to the cursor location from the re-rendered
4 text;

5 (b) detect a first termination point that occurs before the character, wherein the
6 first termination point indicates the beginning of the primary word;

7 (c) detect a second termination point that occurs after the character, wherein the
8 second termination point indicates the end of the primary word; and

9 (d) identify the primary word as comprising a set of characters between the first
10 termination point and the second termination point.

11 19. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the machine instructions further cause the
12 processor to do one of:

13 (a) search a local electronic data store for content related to the primary word; and

14 (b) search a remote electronic data store for content related to the primary word.

15 20. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the machine instructions further cause the
16 processor to:

17 (a) automatically provide the semitransparent window at a predefined location in
18 the display, said semitransparent window being sized to overlay only a portion of the display;

19 (b) display at least a portion of the result of the search in the semitransparent
20 window; and

21 (c) enable a user to selectively obtain additional content related to the primary
22 word by choosing an option provided in the semitransparent window.

23 21. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the machine instructions further cause the
24 processor to determine a context word associated with the primary word.

25 22. (Original) The system of Claim 21, wherein the machine instructions further cause the
26 processor to do one of:

27 (a) determine the context word from the re-rendered text; and

28 (b) determine the context word from a characteristic of the text being processed by
29 the target process.

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1 23. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 21, wherein the machine instructions further
2 cause the processor to:

3 (a) search the first electronic data store based on a combination of the primary
4 word and the context word; and ~~if no content was found based on the combination of the primary~~
5 ~~word and the context word; and~~

6 (b) if no content was found based on the combination of the primary word and the
7 context word, search the first electronic data store based on the primary word.

8 24. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein if no content was found based on the
9 primary word, the machine instructions further cause the processor to display an alternate word that is
10 spelled similarly to the primary word.

11 25. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the machine instructions further cause the
12 processor to:

13 (a) search an additional electronic data store for additional content related to the
14 primary word; and

15 (b) enable a user to selectively view the additional content.

16 26. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the machine instructions further cause the
17 processor to:

18 (a) enable a user to indicate that an additional electronic data store is to be
19 searched prior to the first electronic data store, thereby indicating a priority of information desired by
20 the user;

21 (b) search the additional electronic data store for additional content related to the
22 primary word prior to searching the first electronic data store; and

23 (c) if additional content is found, display at least a portion of the additional
24 content of the search of the additional electronic data store in the semitransparent window, prior to
25 displaying the result of the search of the first electronic data store.

26 27. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the machine instructions further cause the
27 processor to maintain a focus on an active window so that a user need not return the focus from the
28 semitransparent window, to the active window after the result is displayed.

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1 28. (Currently Amended) A method for capturing data displayed near a cursor location
2 controlled with a pointing device in an electronic display, comprising the steps of:

3 (a) hooking into an operating system output module that renders data to the
4 electronic display;

5 (b) defining an update region as a function of the cursor location in the electronic
6 display;

7 (c) ~~invalidating an~~ the update region of the electronic display, ~~wherein the update~~
8 ~~region is defined as a function of the cursor location in the electronic display; such that~~

9 (e) ~~forcing~~ the operating system output module is forced to re-render the data to
10 the update region of the electronic display; and

11 (d) copying the data from the operating system output module while the operating
12 system output module is re-rendering the data to the update region of the electronic display.

13 29. (Original) The method of Claim 28, wherein the step of hooking into the operating
14 system output module comprises the step of patching an .idata section associated with a target
15 process that controls the electronic display.

16 30. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 28, wherein ~~the step of forcing~~ the operating
17 system output module is forced to re-render the data to the update region ~~comprises the step of by~~
18 invoking a redraw application programming interface that instructs the operating system to issue a
19 paint message to a procedure for redrawing the electronic display, said paint message causing the
20 procedure to execute the operating system output module to redraw the update region of the
21 electronic display window.

22 31. (Original) The method of Claim 28, wherein the step of copying the data from the
23 operating system output module while the operating system output module is re-rendering comprises
24 the steps of:

25 (a) mapping font glyphs to text if the data comprises font glyphs;

26 (b) mapping text coordinates to screen coordinates if the operating system output
27 module provides the data to a window device context; and

28 (c) saving the data if the operating system output module provides the data to a
29 memory device context.

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1 32. (Original) A machine-readable medium having machine instructions for carrying out the
2 steps of Claim 28.

3 33. (Currently Amended) A system for capturing data displayed near a cursor location in an
4 electronic display, comprising:

5 (a) a processor;

6 (b) a display in communication with the processor, said display displaying a cursor
7 at a location in the display; and

8 (c) a memory in communication with the processor and storing machine
9 instructions that cause the processor to:

10 (i) hook into an operating system output module that renders data to the
11 electronic display;

12 (ii) define an update region as a function of the cursor location in the
13 electronic display;

14 (iii) invalidate ~~an~~ the update region of the electronic display, wherein the
15 update region is defined as a function of the cursor location in the electronic display such that[[;]]

16 ~~(iii)~~ ~~force~~ the operating system output module is forced to re-render the data
17 to the update region of the electronic display; and

18 (iv) copy the data from the operating system output module while the
19 operating system output module is re-rendering the data to the update region of the electronic display.

20 34. (Original) The system of Claim 33, wherein the machine instructions further cause the
21 processor to patch an .idata section associated with a target process that controls the electronic
22 display.

23 35. (Original) The system of Claim 33, wherein the machine instructions further cause the
24 processor to invoke a redraw application programming interface that instructs the operating system to
25 immediately issue a paint message to a procedure of the electronic display, said paint message
26 causing the procedure to execute the operating system output module to redraw the update region of
27 the electronic display.

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1 36. (Original) The system of Claim 33, wherein the machine instructions further cause the
2 processor to:

- 3 (a) map font glyphs to text if the data comprises font glyphs;
4 (b) map text coordinates to screen coordinates if the operating system output
5 module provides the data to a window device context; and
6 (c) save the data if the operating system output module provides the data to a
7 memory device context.